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IN THE YEAR 200X, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN WAS CREATED BY DR. LIGHT TO STOP THE EVIL DESIRES OF DR. WILY. MEGA MAN NOW FIGHTS ALONGSIDE HIS FELLOW ROBOT MASTERS TO DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

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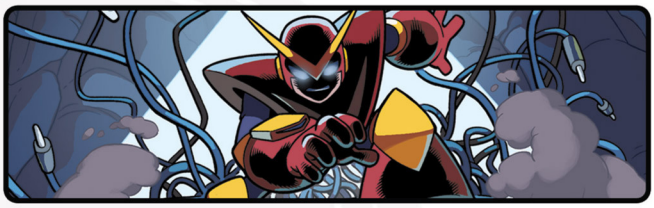


When Dr. Light first unveiled his series of ROBOT MASTERS, he hoped to push the boundaries of advanced robotics and create a race of beings that would work to build a better world. Little did he know the corrupt Dr. Wily would use Light's technology to unleash terror upon the very people they were meant to help and protect. That's when a helpful lab assistant robot named Rock volunteered to become a hero of the defenseless, and a challenger of evil. A super fighting robot named MEGA MAN!

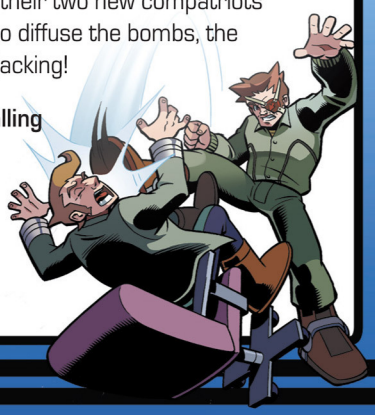
Dr. Wily has now, unbeknownst to Mega Man, retreated to the Amazon Jungle, where he has met a mysterious entity capable of creating Robot Masters!

Meanwhile, what started as a happy reunion amongst friends and colleagues quickly turned to chaos, as the Advanced Robotics Trade Show was hijacked by the anti-technology extremist organization calling themselves the Emerald Spears! Their goal? Blow up the Trade Show and all the robots within!

As Mega Man, his dog Rush, Elec Man, and their two new compatriots Pharaoh Man and Quake Woman attempt to diffuse the bombs, the Spears' organization experienced its own hijacking!

The hot-tempered Xander Payne is now calling the shots, and is prepared to destroy not only the convention hall and the robots, but to also

destroy all the people still trapped inside...



CHARACTER SELECT

MEGA MAN

KALINKA & ROLL

DR. WILY

XANDER PAYNE

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HEY, KID! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE OUT-SIDE!
I KNOW, MISTER, BUT MY DAD NEEDS HELP! WON'T YOU PLEASE HELP HIM?
POOR KID. C'MON. LET'S FIND HIS FATHER AND GET THEM OUT OF HERE.
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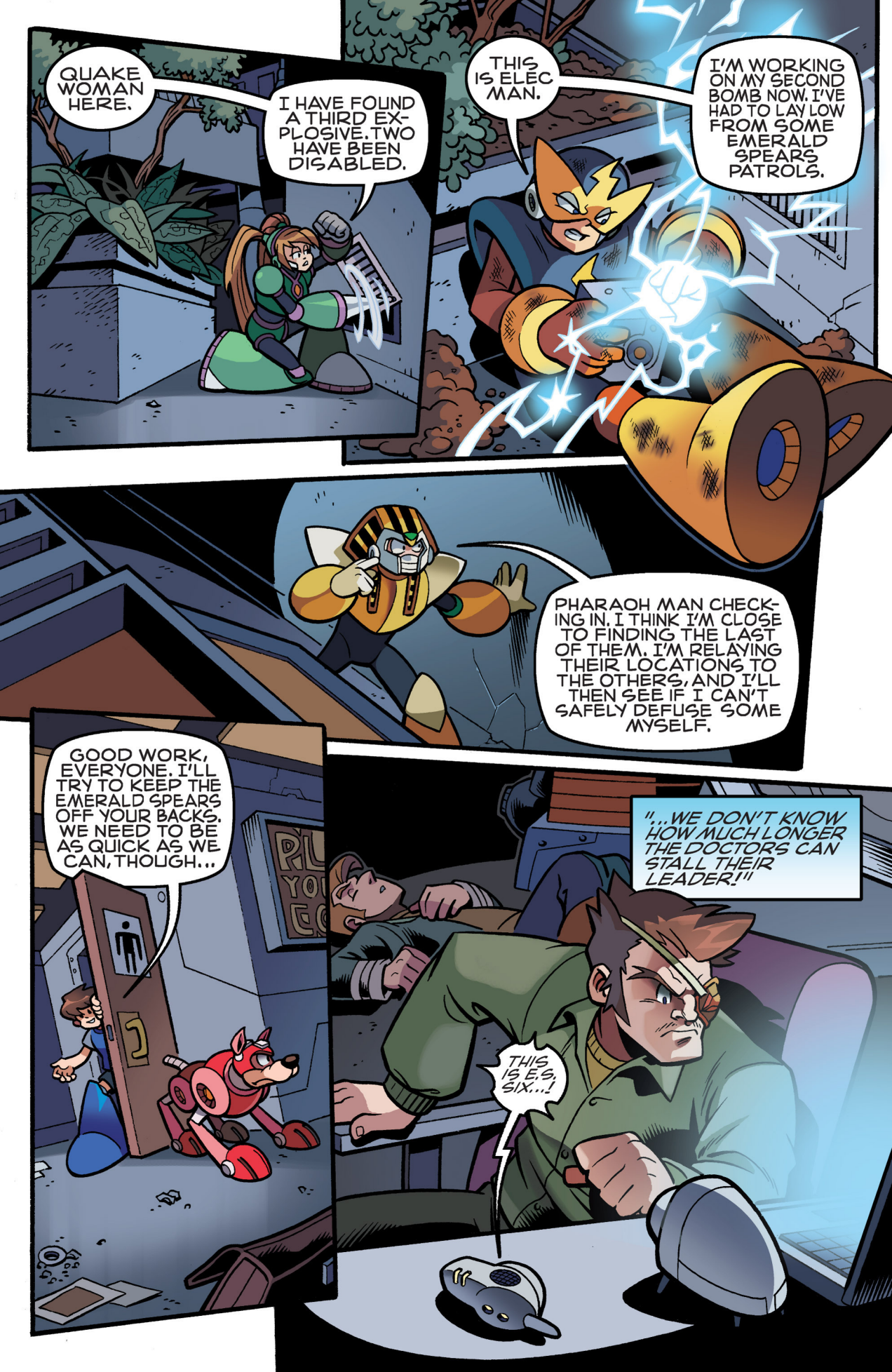
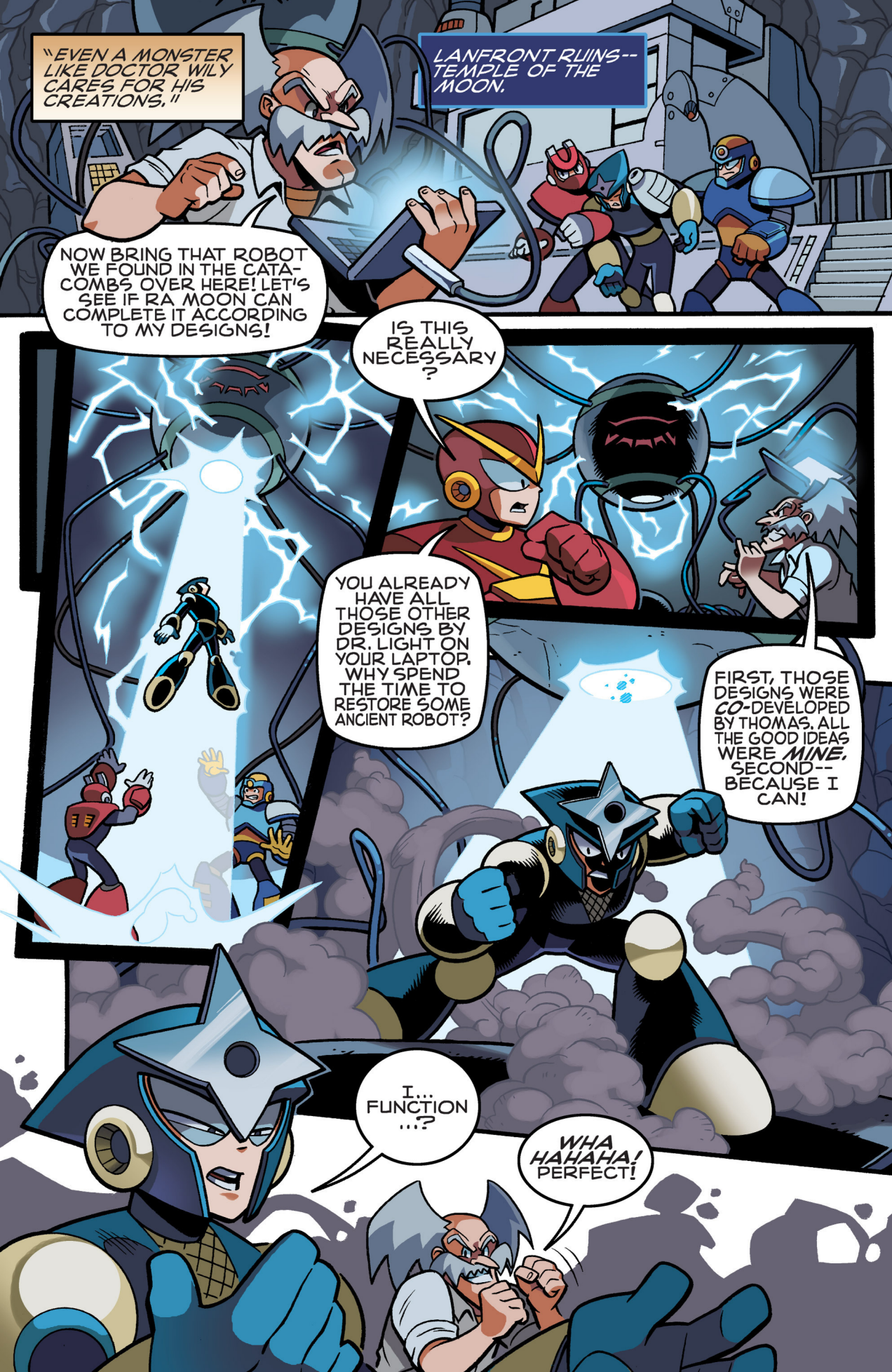
THANKS! HE'S OVER HERE!
NOT SO FAST, KID!
CUT HIM A BREAK!
IT'S DARK, HIS DAD'S IN TROUBLE, AND THERE'RE ALL THESE DANGEROUS ROBOTS AROUND.
YEAH! THESE ROBOTS ARE TERRIFYING!
OH...UH...WAIT. WHAT KIND OF TROUBLE IS HE IN?
GROW UP! LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH!
BARK! BARK! SNARL!
AHHH! ROBOT DOG!
SLAM!
LOOKS LIKE THIS TRICK ISN'T GOING TO WORK ANYMORE. MEGA MAN TO ROBOT MASTERS! HOW'S IT GOING WITH THOSE BOMBS?
THIS IS E-S SIX!
THERE'S A ROBOT DISGUISED AS A LITTLE BOY! HE'S TRAPPED US IN THE MEN'S ROOM, EAST SIDE!

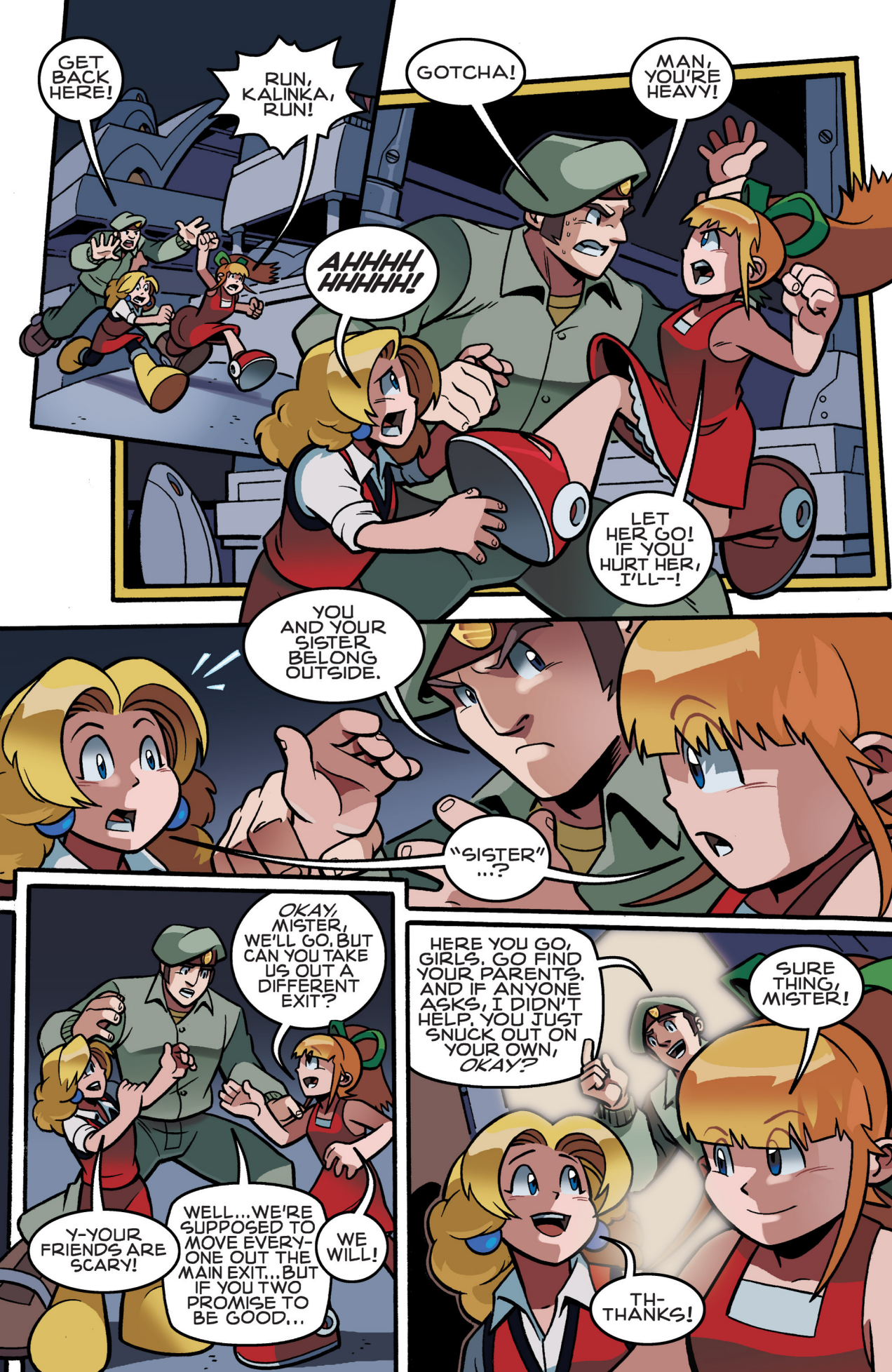

QUAKE WOMAN HERE.
I HAVE FOUND A THIRD EXPLOSIVE. TWO HAVE BEEN DISABLED.
THIS IS ELEC MAN.
I'M WORKING ON MY SECOND BOMB NOW. I'VE HAD TO LAY LOW FROM SOME EMERALD SPEARS PATROLS.
PHARAOH MAN CHECKING IN. I THINK I'M CLOSE TO FINDING THE LAST OF THEM. I'M RELAYING THEIR LOCATIONS TO THE OTHERS, AND I'LL THEN SEE IF I CAN'T SAFELY DEFUSE SOME MYSELF.
GOOD WORK, EVERYONE. I'LL TRY TO KEEP THE EMERALD SPEARS OFF YOUR BACKS. WE NEED TO BE AS QUICK AS WE CAN, THOUGH...
"...WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER THE DOCTORS CAN STALL THEIR LEADER!"
THIS IS E.S. SIX...!

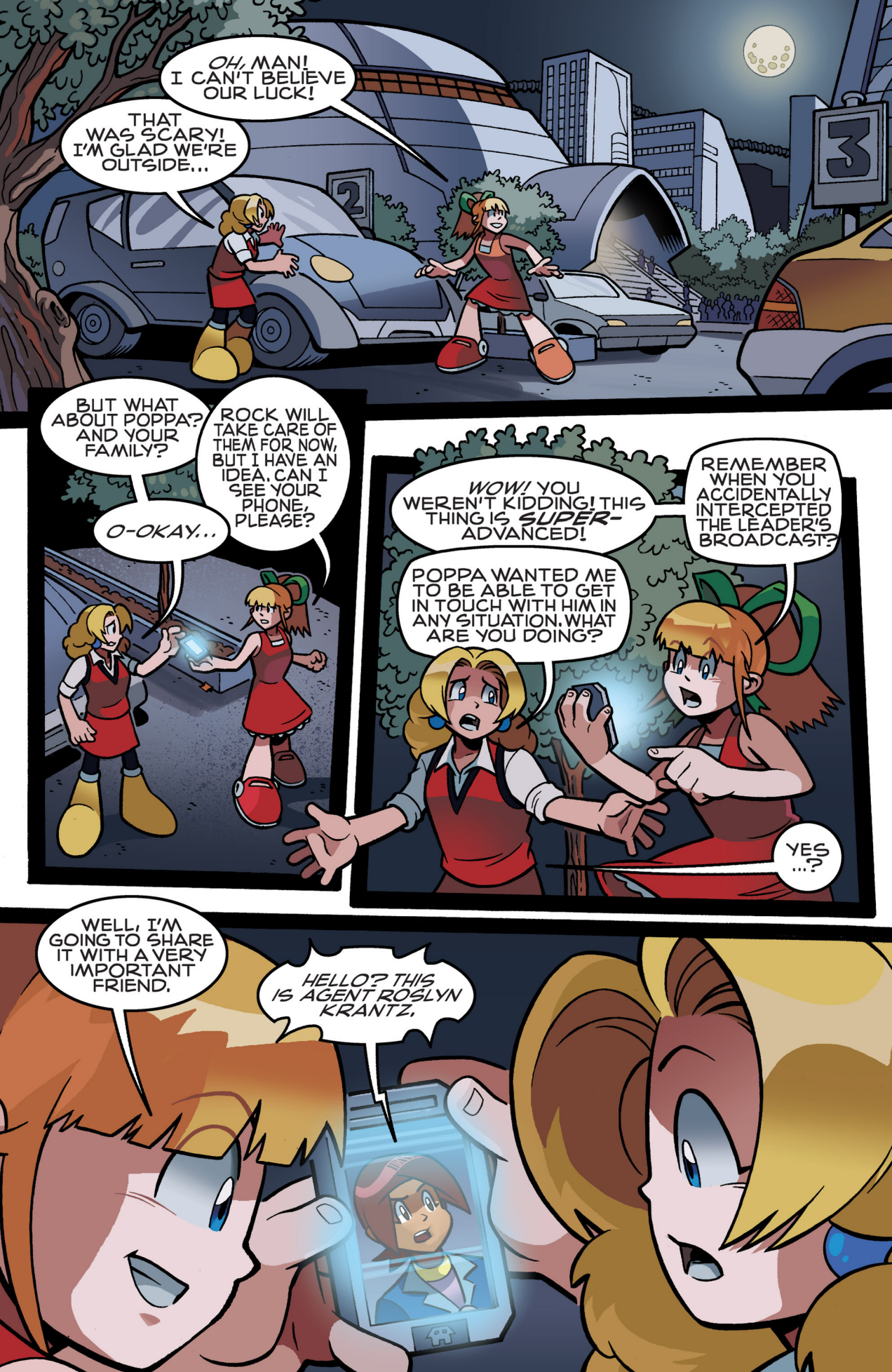
LISTEN UP, DOCTORS.
MY NAME IS XANDER PAYNE. I'VE JUST PROMOTED MYSELF TO THE HEAD OF THE EMERALD SPEARS. I'LL GIVE YOU THIS SECOND TO MAKE PEACE WITH YOURSELVES, THEN IT'S ALL OVER FOR YOU AND YOUR PRECIOUS ROBOTS.
N-NOW HOLD ON, MR. PAYNE. WE CAN TALK THIS OVER...
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN TALKING--LEAST OF ALL TO YOU! IT WAS YOUR ROBOTS THAT LEFT ME MAIMED AFTER THEY WENT AMOK!*
*MEGA MAN VOLUME 1.
I--I'M TRULY SORRY. THEY WERE NEVER MEANT TO HURT ANYONE.
IT'S NOT THOMAS'S FAULT! THE ROBOTS WERE SABOTAGED BY DR. WILY!
DIFFERENT NAME, SAME INHERENT PROBLEM. I'M SURPRISED AT YOU, THOUGH.
YOU WERE DEBATING AGAINST THE IDEA OF MAKING THESE AUTOMATONS TOO HUMAN!

I WAS VOICING CAUTION...
...OVER MAKING IT SO THAT WE CAN HAVE DEEP, EMOTIONAL CONNECTIONS WITH OUR CREATIONS.
SO THAT WHEN WE DESIGN A ROBOT TO DO THE JOBS TOO DANGEROUS FOR HUMANS, AND WHEN THOSE DANGERS TAKE THEIR TOLL, WE LOSE TOOLS AND NOT... AND NOT SONS AND DAUGHTERS...
SO THAT'S WHY TEMPO...WHY QUAKE WOMAN WAS SO DISTANT. YOU TOOK AWAY HER PERSONALITY.
I THOUGHT IT WOULD EASE THE PAIN. :SNIFF: BUT SHE'S STILL "TEMPO" TO ME, STILL MY LITTLE GIRL, AND SHE'S IN DANGER!
DISGUSTING! THEY'RE MACHINES! THEIR "PERSONALITIES" ARE MANUFACTURED!
ARE THEY ANY LESS GENUINE THAN OUR OWN, CRAFTED THROUGH A LIFETIME OF EXPERIENCES? IS OUR LOVE FOR OUR CREATIONS ANY LESS REAL, WHETHER THEY HAVE A PULSE OR A MOTOR?


"EVEN A MONSTER LIKE DOCTOR WILY CARES FOR HIS CREATIONS."
LANFRONT RUINS-- TEMPLE OF THE MOON.
NOW BRING THAT ROBOT WE FOUND IN THE CATA-COMBS OVER HERE! LET'S SEE IF RA MOON CAN COMPLETE IT ACCORDING TO MY DESIGNS!
IS THIS REALLY NECESSARY?
YOU ALREADY HAVE ALL THOSE OTHER DESIGNS BY DR. LIGHT ON YOUR LAPTOP. WHY SPEND THE TIME TO RESTORE SOME ANCIENT ROBOT?
FIRST, THOSE DESIGNS WERE CO-DEVELOPED BY THOMAS. ALL THE GOOD IDEAS WERE MINE. SECOND-- BECAUSE I CAN!
I... FUNCTION ...?
WHA HAHAHA! PERFECT!

PWOMF!
?
WOO! HE'S SO QUICK TO RESPOND! SO COOL!
GREAT. ANOTHER QUICK MAN.
BREEP! BREEP!
I DIDN'T TOUCH ANY-THING!
IT'S THE PROXIMITY ALARM YOU HAD US SET UP. SOMETHING JUST CROSSED INTO OUR TERRITORY.
A PERFECT CHANCE TO TEST OUT MY NEWEST CREATIONS! QUICK MAN, FLASH MAN, MAGNET MAN, AND SHADOW MAN--YES, THAT'S YOU--GET OUT THERE AND SEE WHO'S SO FOOLISH TO CROSS MY PATH!
TRY TO KEEP UP, NEW-BOTS!
TRY NOT TO KILL ONE OF YOUR OWN THIS TIME, JERK.
AT THE RATE YOU'RE CREAT-ING THESE NEW ROBOT MASTERS, THE COMPLETION OF YOUR LAB AND ROBOT ARMY WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY DELAYED, SIR.
DON'T FRET, AIR MAN.
I'VE STILL GOT TIME AND SUR-PRISE ON MY SIDE. WE CAN AFFORD A LITTLE EXTRA PREP-TIME...


GET BACK HERE!
RUN, KALINKA, RUN!
AHHHH HHHHH!
GOTCHA!
MAN, YOU'RE HEAVY!
LET HER GO! IF YOU HURT HER, I'LL--!
YOU AND YOUR SISTER BELONG OUTSIDE.
"SISTER"...?
OKAY, MISTER, WE'LL GO. BUT CAN YOU TAKE US OUT A DIFFERENT EXIT?
Y-YOUR FRIENDS ARE SCARY!
WELL...WE'RE SUPPOSED TO MOVE EVERY-ONE OUT THE MAIN EXIT...BUT IF YOU TWO PROMISE TO BE GOOD...
WE WILL!
HERE YOU GO, GIRLS. GO FIND YOUR PARENTS. AND IF ANYONE ASKS, I DIDN'T HELP. YOU JUST SNUCK OUT ON YOUR OWN, OKAY?
SURE THING, MISTER!
TH-THANKS!


OH, MAN! I CAN'T BELIEVE OUR LUCK!
THAT WAS SCARY! I'M GLAD WE'RE OUTSIDE...
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BUT WHAT ABOUT POPPA? AND YOUR FAMILY?
ROCK WILL TAKE CARE OF THEM FOR NOW, BUT I HAVE AN IDEA. CAN I SEE YOUR PHONE, PLEASE?
O-OKAY...
WOW! YOU WEREN'T KIDDING! THIS THING IS SUPER-ADVANCED!
REMEMBER WHEN YOU ACCIDENTALLY INTERCEPTED THE LEADER'S BROADCAST?
POPPA WANTED ME TO BE ABLE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM IN ANY SITUATION. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
YES ...?
WELL, I'M GOING TO SHARE IT WITH A VERY IMPORTANT FRIEND.
HELLO? THIS IS AGENT ROSLYN KRANTZ.

TEMPLE OF THE MOON...
CLANG
WELCOME INTO THE WORLD, NEEDLE MAN!
I LIVE TO SERVE YOU, DR. WILY.
WE'RE BACK! SOME ROBOT MASTER STUMBLED INTO OUR TERRITORY AND SHUT DOWN.
GLAD TO HEAR IT! YOU CAN START WITH SOME OF THE HEAVY LIFTING.
ERM...
WELCOME TO THE CLUB, BROTHER.
HMM... ROBOT MASTERS AREN'T EXACTLY COMMON...
EGAD! IT'S THE ROBOT MASTER! THE ORIGINAL! TODAY JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER!

BUT THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HIS POWER CORE GAVE OUT, SO WHY--
IT IS MY DOING.
IT...YOU... CAN TALK?
MY UNIQUE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC FIELD DISABLES ALL MACHINES THAT ARE NOT OF MY MAKING.
INTRIGUING... THAT DEFIES SCIENTIFIC UNDERSTANDING. BUT THEN I REALIZE I'M TALKING TO A TALKING ROBOT EYEBALL OLDER THAN MODERN CIVILIZATION. CAN YOU EXTEND THIS FIELD?
YES. WITH ENOUGH TIME AND POWER, MY PRESENCE CAN BE FELT ALL OVER THE WORLD.
FASCINATING. BUT WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT AFTER WE'VE REPAIRED THIS POOR WAYWARD ROBOT.

MEANWHILE...
...WHETHER THEY HAVE A PULSE OR A MOTOR?
YOU PEOPLE WILL NEVER LEARN.
THANKFULLY, I KNOW JUST THE WAY TO FIGHT YOUR BRAND OF MADNESS. SAY GOOD-NIGHT, YOU...
--WHAT THE--?!
MISTER PAYNE? ARE YOU STILL THERE? ANSWER US!
NO!
BOMB DISABLED
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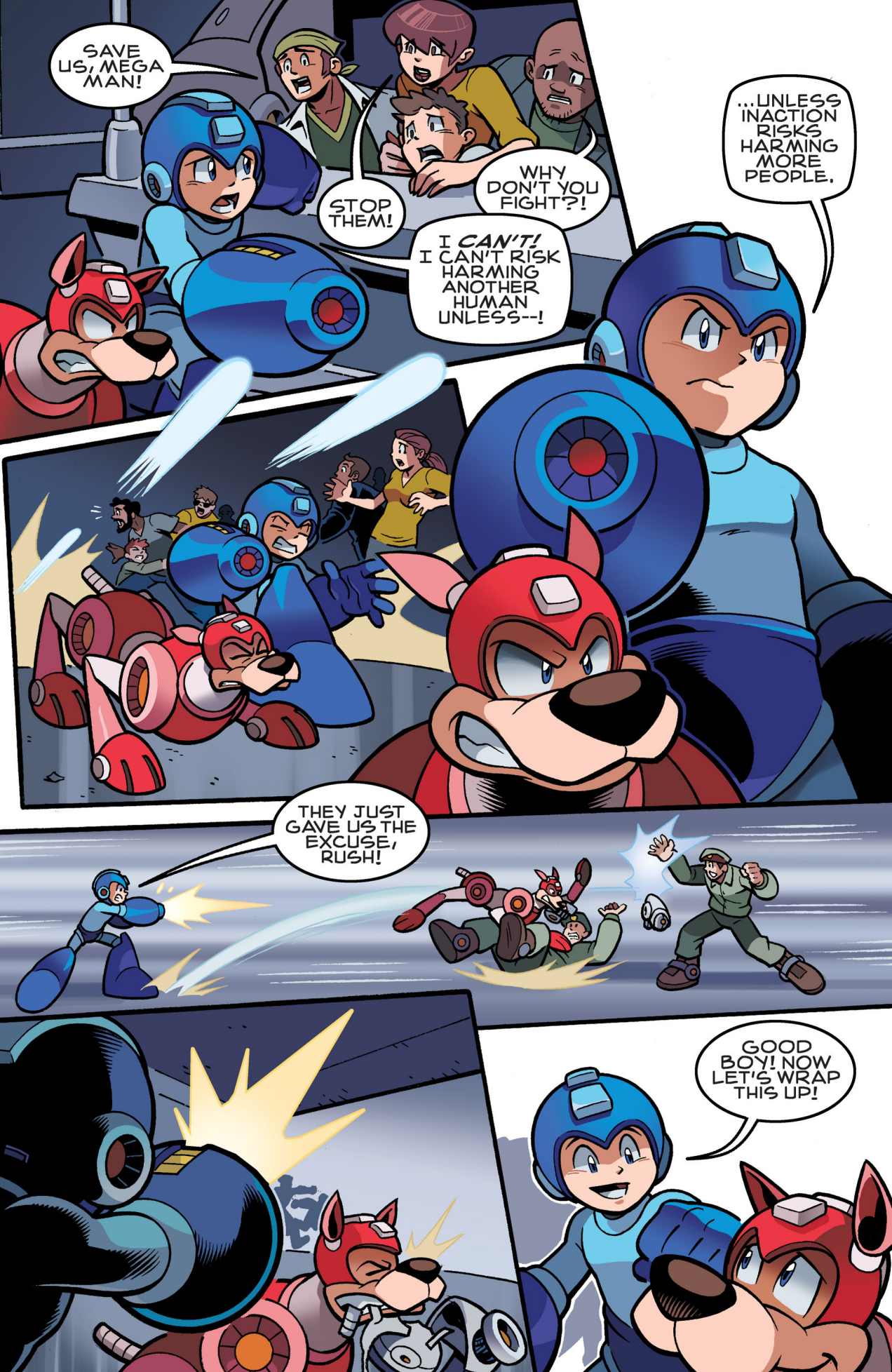
SHOOT THE ROBOTS, YOU MORONS! THEY'RE DISABLING THE BOMBS!
RUN, RUSH! WE CAN'T FIGHT THEM HEAD-ON!
CLEVER FOR A MACHINE. I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS ALL NIGHT.
KEEP WAITING, LADY.


SAVE US, MEGA MAN!
STOP THEM!
WHY DON'T YOU FIGHT?!
I *CAN'T!* I CAN'T RISK HARMING ANOTHER HUMAN UNLESS--!
...UNLESS INACTION RISKS HARMING MORE PEOPLE.
THEY JUST GAVE US THE EXCUSE, RUSH!
GOOD BOY! NOW LET'S WRAP THIS UP!

EVERYONE-- THIS IS MEGA MAN! THEY'RE FIRING AT PEOPLE NOW! WE HAVE TO PROTECT THE INNOCENTS!
I WON'T GO DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT, ROBOT.
FINALLY! I'M SICK OF PLAYING NICE!
HI, MY NAME IS "ELEC MAN."
THAT'S SHORT FOR "ELECTRICITY."
DO YOU READ, QUAKE WOMAN?
HOW ARE YOU DOING?
I AM FINE.
WE SHOULD RESUME DEALING WITH THE REMAINING BOMBS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

NO! NO!!!
DO YOU HEAR THE CHAOS OUT THERE?! PEOPLE ARE GETTING HURT --AGAIN-- BECAUSE OF YOUR ROBOTS!
NO.
YOUR PEOPLE ARE GETTING HURT BECAUSE THEY THREATENED THE INNOCENT. OUR ROBOTS ARE RISKING THEIR LIVES, STRUGGLING UNDER THEIR CONSTRAINTS, TO SAVE THOSE INNOCENT LIVES.
LOOK AROUND YOU, MR. PAYNE. WHO HAS THE GUNS? WHO HAS THE BOMBS? WHO'S TRULY BROUGHT TERROR AND HARM TO THE PEOPLE TONIGHT?

ST-STAY BACK!
...MOVE ALONG...
WHATEVER IT TAKES.
THANK YOU, MEGA MAN...

MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE THE CONVENTION CENTER...
OKAY, AND THIS IS A VIDEO OF THE GUY WITH AN EYE-PATCH...
WA-BOOM!

WAS THAT AN EXPLOSION?!
THEY SET OFF THE BOMBS! THEY SET OFF THE BOMBS!
POPPA!
...THEY... THEY USED THE BOMBS ...EVEN WITH PEOPLE IN HERE...
MEGA MAN!
ELEC MAN ...WE NEED TO FIND ROLL AND KALINKA...
THE DOCTORS!

THE LAST BOMB CAVED IN THE LECTURE HALL! THE DOCTORS WERE STILL INSIDE!
DOCTOR LIGHT...!
THE PEOPLE MAY BE SAVED, BUT WHAT ABOUT DR. LIGHT AND THE OTHERS?
WHAT IS XANDER'S NEXT MOVE?
DON'T MISS THE EXCITING CONCLUSION NEXT TIME!

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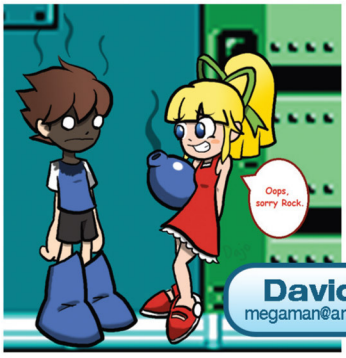

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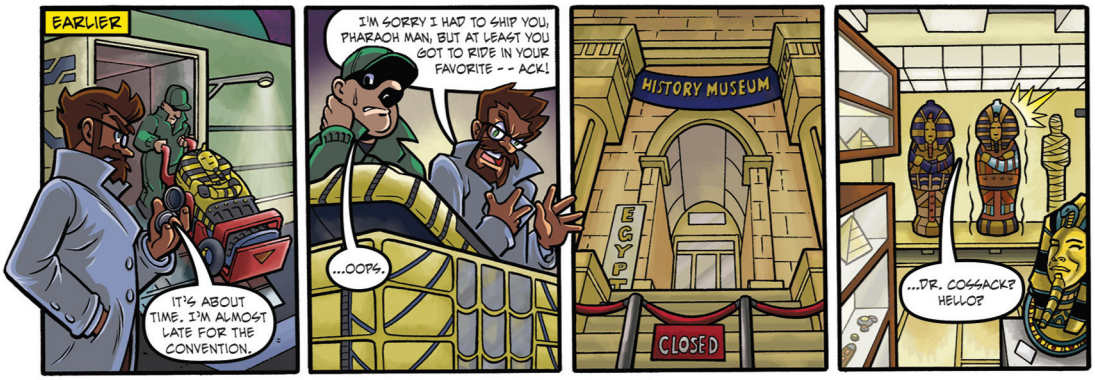
EARLIER
IT'S ABOUT TIME. I'M ALMOST LATE FOR THE CONVENTION.
I'M SORRY I HAD TO SHIP YOU, PHARAOH MAN, BUT AT LEAST YOU GOT TO RIDE IN YOUR FAVORITE - - ACK!
...OOPS.
HISTORY MUSEUM
EGYPT
CLOSED
...DR. COSSACK? HELLO?

MEGA-MAIL

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Dear Mega-Mail,
I love Mega Man. I have every issue that is out so far and the first graphic novel. I'm going to get the second one.

Fantastic! Thanks for being a real Mega fan! The third graphic novel, "The Return of Dr. Wily," will be coming up this August, so be on the lookout for that too!

I just have one question.

One is the loneliest number that I've ever knew.

How old are Mega Man and Roll?

Well, since they are both robots they don't really age. At the very least, Rock and Roll are about ten years old in physical/mental maturity.

My second favorite Robot Master is Elec Man.

Elec Man is certainly a shocking character isn't he? Positively one of my current favorites.

Keep up the good work!
-Angela M.
from Tennessee

Thanks for writing in, Angela!

Dear Mega Mail,
I love the Mega Man comic book. I have been reading it ever since I came across an ad in Sonic the Hedgehog. I have loved the series ever since.

What's not to love? Nice to see new fans coming on over from the Sonic side of comics. Both heroes are blue, what a convenient transition!

I was amazed with the Mega Man II story adaption. It's even better than the arc "Time keeps slipping".

We try to make each arc even better than the last, and I hope you're enjoying "Spiritus" so far, but ya gotta love the banter between Time Man and Oil Man in Mega Man Volume 2! Available now in fine bookstores everywhere! Plugplugplugplug!

Thank you for making this comic a smash hit. I hope to see more action in the future!

-Tyler M.
from Pennsylvania

Thank you, Tyler! We're definitely ready to bring more Mega action your way!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I LOVE your new Mega Man comic book series you launched in May!

Wow, I'm really feeling the love this issue! I'm gonna blush! But seriously, thank you!

Mega Man is my favorite video game series ever! Please continue to make more of these comics, because they're fantastic!

Well, there are plenty more fantastic stories headed your way! It's all thanks to fans like you who support and love the series. As long as there are fans, there will always be Mega Man!

Even the characters in the comic book look like they're from the games, via their manga-ish/ anime-ish style!

We love the Mega Man style! It's very dynamic and cool, the way an action and adventure comic should be!

Kudos to Patrick "SPAZ" Spaziante and Ian Flynn for making Capcom's Mega Masterpiece come to life in comic book form!

-Jean-Luc B.
from Canada

Thanks, Jean-Luc! Your kudos' have been sent!

Well, folks, we're really comin down to the wire with "Spiritus Ex Machina," but in reality the adventure is actually just beginning! Remember to keep writing in to Mega Mail to send us all of your awesome fan art and letters! Until next time check out the Mega Man graphic novels, volumes 1 and 2, available now! And be on the lookout for volume 3 coming this August! No books? No problem! Get digi with it and download all the action on the Archie app, comics+ app, and comixology apps! Plugplugittyplugplug!

We'll see y'all back here next time for the conclusion of Spiritus Ex Machina!

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SPIRITUS
EX MACHINA : PART FOUR

WILL OUR HERO
SURVIVE?
THE HOSTAGE SITUATON COMES TO AN END AS MEGA MAN IS PUT TO THE ULITMATE TEST OF LIFE OR DEATH IN THIS THRILLING CONCLUSION!

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